

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3151**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3151 amends Title 44, Chapter 38 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 7, which establishes the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund in the Office of the State Treasurer. The Trust Fund is a fund separate and distinct from the general fund, whose purpose is providing care and rehabilitative services to persons with head or spinal cord injuries, or both. The Bill also creates the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Commission under the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs whose purpose is to authorize disbursements from the Fund.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

The Department indicates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal Funds. As a result of disbursements from the Trust Fund, this Bill will have an impact on Other Fund expenditures. Other Fund expenditures for the agency will increase based on expenses associated with administering the fund.

State Treasurer's Office

This Bill would require the agency to establish a new account under the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Any costs will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State and will be absorbed by the agency. This Bill will have no fiscal impact on Federal and/or Other Funds.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

MUSC indicates this Bill will have a minimal fiscal impact on Other Funds. The agency currently spends approximately \$32,000 annually to administer the Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund. Upon enactment, no such expenses for the agency would be incurred.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

MUSC indicates Spinal Cord Research funds are currently used, in part, to secure federal Research Grants which could be jeopardized upon enactment of the Bill. Annual revenue for the fund is approximately \$650,000.

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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